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SETTING UP OF COMMON FORUM FOR PORT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has suggested for setting up of a common forum or council to resolve the contentious issues of regulatory framework and tariff in the port sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the proposed forum/council will have any representation from the Government investors and the stakeholders in the sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e): The Department of Shipping interacts regularly with representatives of the Government agencies concerned and other stakeholders in the Port Sector. It also plans to hold regular meetings with the stakeholders especially with a view to exploring ways and means for resolving issues arising out of the regulatory regime. The objective of the regular interactions is to get feedback from all stakeholders concerned and initiate appropriate corrective measures through policy interventions.